

These are among the reasons why I have voted to uphold the EPA rule governing mercury and air toxics standards from coal-fired power plants and the cross-State air pollution rule, as well as the Clean Power Plan to limit carbon pollution from existing and new fossil fuel-fired power plants.

I reject the false choice of pitting the environment against the economy because, for much of the State of Maine, the economy and the environment are inextricably linked. A strong commitment to protecting the health of our Nation's environment is critical for protecting Maine's natural beauty, the State's economy, and the health of those of us fortunate enough to call Maine home.

Due to my concerns about Mr. Prutt's commitment to the mission of the EPA, I will cast my vote in opposition to his confirmation.

#### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. NAVY SEABEES

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion, also known as the SeaBees, and congratulate them on their 75th anniversary. It was March 5th, 1942, when the SeaBees were charged by the Navy with the task of building, maintaining, and supporting base infrastructure in remote locations for the Navy and Marine Corps. SeaBees execute this critical mission, while also maintaining the capability to engage in combat operations.

For 75 years, the SeaBees have met challenges in times of war and peace. They have been deployed all over the world, contributing to our national security interests by constructing military bases, building airfields, roads, bridges, and even underwater structures. In every major operation our Nation has carried out, from World War II to present operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Navy SeaBees are there, demonstrating unmatched courage, strength, and professionalism. Their personal sacrifices are a testament to the dedication of the Navy's elite construction force.

As we honor the SeaBees today, let us not forget to acknowledge the many sacrifices their families have made throughout their 75 years. Whether at home or abroad in the more than 30 countries to which they deploy, it is the support of their families that enables the brave men and women of the SeaBees to accomplish their mission with the utmost devotion to duty, honor, and country. I am proud that Gulfport, MS, serves as home to the Naval Construction Battalion Center, where more than 12,500 SeaBees, sailors, airmen, and soldiers have received valuable training this past year alone.

We congratulate the U.S. Navy SeaBees on their 75th anniversary and reaffirm our commitment to them.

#### TRIBUTE TO ROSE ILES FEALY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the hard work of my Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee intern Rose Iles Fealy. Rose hails from Perth, Western Australia, where she studies political science at the Australian National University.

While interning on the Commerce Committee, Rose has assisted the Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security Subcommittee. Following her internship, Rose intends to pursue law school. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Rose Iles Fealy for all of the fine work she has done for the committee and wish her continued success in the years to come.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING PIMENTEL & SONS GUITARMAKERS

• Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, it is an honor to join musicians and music lovers in recognizing Albuquerque's Pimentel family for their 65 years of building handcrafted instruments that are sought after by guitar players and collectors around the world.

Pimentel & Sons is a successful family-owned small business that was started from scratch and has been sustained with innovation, hard work, and a commitment to excellence.

As the ranking member on the Joint Economic Committee, I am proud to recognize successful entrepreneurs and small business owners like the Pimentels.

Lorenzo Pimentel learned the craft of building guitars as a teenager in Ciudad Juarez. After marrying his wife, Josefina, Lorenzo moved his family to Albuquerque after falling in love with the Sandia Mountains. Over his lifetime, Lorenzo Pimentel accumulated an incredible list of accolades for his guitars.

Four of Lorenzo's sons, Agustin, Ricardo, Roberto, and Victor, have continued their late father's work as master guitar makers in their own right. They have each played an integral role in shaping New Mexico's music scene for decades.

Pimentel & Sons has earned the Hispanic Heritage Month Distinguished Honor Award, the Governor's Award for Excellence and Achievement in the Arts, and an invitation to the Smithsonian Institute's Festival of American Folklife.

In 2009, Governor Bill Richardson signed a bill designating Pimentel's Sunrise model as the official State guitar of New Mexico.

Generations of musicians have played and appreciated the world-renowned Pimentel guitars that capture the spirit and culture of New Mexico. •

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:59 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 428. An act to survey the gradient boundary along the Red River in the States of Oklahoma and Texas, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 23. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 4:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 255. An act to authorize the National Science Foundation to support entrepreneurial programs for women.

H.R. 321. An act to inspire women to enter the aerospace field, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, through mentorship and outreach.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. NELSON, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 379. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five month waiting period for disability insurance benefits under such title for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. REED, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 380. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the disclosure of the total number of the domestic and foreign employees of a company, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 381. A bill to repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 382. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 383. A bill to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.